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The reply filed on 7/06/2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): There is no election of specie. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

AS per the paper of 6/15/04 Applicant is required to choose between A1 and A2, and then choose between B1 and B2. Applicant's arguments regarding inventions I, II and III will be addressed after Applicant makes the appropriate election of species.

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